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**AMENDMENT "D"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2000 in the above-referenced application, for which it is requested with the payment of a fee to extend the period for response by two months to March 18, 2001, applicant submits the following amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 6 and 18 as follows:

6. (Twice amended) A packaging machine comprising:  
a cylindrical chute;